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HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
Minutes
5th Floor Conference Room, City Hall
September 17, 2007

Committee Members present: Holly Jones (Chair), Brownie Newman, Robin Cape
Staff: Jeff Richardson, Charlotte Caplan, Randy Stallings, Kathy Ivey, Brenda Griffith

I. Open meeting & Approve minutes

Chair Holly Jones opened the meeting at 3:05 PM. The minutes for the July 9th meeting were approved.

II. Homeward Bound: Request for Supplemental grant for A-HOPE

Howard Stone, Executive Director of Homeward Bound presented a request for an additional \$28,000 in CDBG funding to cover additional opening hours at the A-Hope Center. Brownie Newman made a motion to recommend the one- time funding request to Council. Robin Cape seconded. It was approved unanimously.

III. Expansion of the Secondary Fire District to match the CBD

Robert Griffin, Building Safety Director, described the need for expanding the Fire District and its potential impact on building costs. After some discussion and questions, the Committee requested that staff set up a meeting with developers. If serious concerns were raised, Mr. Griffin would need to bring his proposal back before the Committee, if not, then he would take the proposal to Council.

IV. Housing Trust Fund Applications- Tim Vorst-13 Hamilton St. & Peter Nordeen-13 Fern St.

Randy Stallings described the applications, each of which requested a \$60,000 HTF loan to develop two rental units. Brownie Newman made a motion to recommend both applications to Council and Robin Cape seconded. It was approved unanimously.

V. Public Comment/ any other Business

Marsha Hammond, a Virginia Avenue resident voiced some concerns about Habitat's development plans for the city-owned property on Virginia and Brotherton, the security of the site, and the impact of the I-26 connector on traffic. Staff agreed to provide additional information on the development plans and expedite cleaning up and securing the site.

VI. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.